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November 1, 1901

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there has been no recurrence of yellow fever at this port since the case reported on August 21, 1901.

However, on the certificates issued to fruit vessels leaving this port, I am reporting the sanitary condition of this port and surrounding territory as infected. This is due to the fact that 3 premises in which yellow fever occurred have not been disinfected owing to the indifference of the occupants.

There is a limited amount of unrestricted communication between this port and Port Limon, and constant communication with Colon.

The United Fruit Company's coasting steamer *Sunrise* for the present is plying between Colon and this port only. I am informed she will not be sent to Port Limon and other points north until quarantine has been declared off between these ports and the United States.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 16, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 15, 1901:

Population according to census not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. The 1 death mentioned was due to tuberculosis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Dr. Herman B. Mohr, of United Fruit Company's hospital, reports 3 or 4 cases of malarial fever of a mild type under his care; all now convalescent.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 9, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 12, steamship *John Wilson*; crew, 18; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Simon Dumois*; crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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A case of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.

COLON, COLOMBIA, October 25, 1901.

One yellow Bocas.—OSTERHOUT.

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